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For: Application of Photochemotherapy For the Treatment Of Cardiac Arrhythmias

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

The following is in response to the Office Action mailed August 6, 2003, in the above referenced application.

Claims 1-12, 14-29, 31-41, 48-50 and 55-60 are pending in the present application, which claims are subject to a restriction requirement. Specifically, restriction to one of the following inventions is required:

Group I: Claims 1-12, 14-19, 25-29, 55-57 and 60, drawn to a phytodynamic therapy device, classified in class 607, subclass 88;

Group II: Claims 20-24, 31-41, 49, 50, 58 and 59, drawn to a method of treating the heart, classified in class 128, subclass 898.

In response, Applicants elect Group II: Claims 20-24, 31-41, 49, 50, 58 and 59, with traverse.

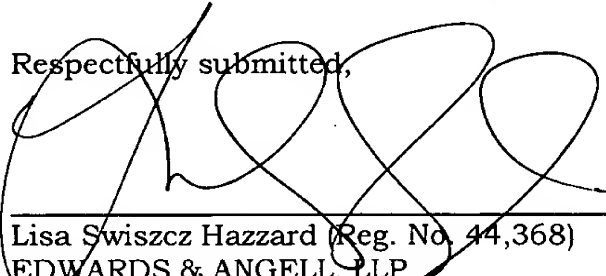
Applicants respectfully traverse the restriction requirement in general on the basis that, while the claims of Groups I and II are allegedly drawn to different inventions, a search for one of the Groups would involve considering references directed to the prior art of the other Group. As such, Applicants respectfully submit that, since a comprehensive search would involve consideration of the subject matter of each of the Groups, for efficiency all could be prosecuted at the same time.

The election of Group II is being made solely to comply with the Restriction Requirement set forth in the Office Communication. The right to file divisional applications on non-elected subject matter is reserved.

It is respectfully submitted that the subject application is in a condition for allowance. Early and favorable action is requested.

Applicants believe that no extension of time is required since this response is being filed before the expiration of the specified ONE (1) month period. Applicants, however, conditionally petition for an extension of time to provide for the possibility that such a petition has been inadvertently overlooked and is required. Accordingly, if for any reason a fee is required, a fee paid is inadequate or credit is owed for any excess fee paid, you are hereby authorized and requested to charge Deposit Account No. **04-1105**.

Respectfully submitted,



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